

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A polypeptide participating in pyridoxine biosynthesis, selected from a group comprising (a), (b) and (c) polypeptide:

- 5 (a) polypeptide containing all portion of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO. 2;
- (b) polypeptide containing a substantial portion of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO. 2;
- (c) polypeptide substantially similar to the above (a) or (b) polypeptide

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2. A polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide of claim 1.

3. A method for inhibiting a plant growth, which comprises a step of inhibiting the expression or function of a polypeptide that participates in pyridoxine biosynthesis  
15 and consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2 or its equivalent sequence.

4. The method according to claim 3, in which the step is performed by introducing an anti-sense nucleotide against the polynucleotide set forth in claim 2 into a plant.

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5. The method according to claim 3, in which the step is performed by introducing a recombinant vector containing an anti-sense nucleotide against the polynucleotide set forth in claim 2 into a plant.

25 6. The method according to claim 3, in which the step is performed by introducing *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* transformant transformed with a recombinant vector containing an anti-sense nucleotide against the polynucleotide set forth in claim 2, into a plant.

30 7. The method according to claim 3, in which the step is performed by any one

technique that is selected among gene deletion, gene insertion, T-DNA insertion, homologous recombination, transposon tagging, small interfering RNA (siRNA) and the like.

- 5   **8.**   A process for screening a growth inhibitor of plants, which comprises a step for screening a substance inhibiting the expression or function of polypeptide that participates in pyridoxine biosynthesis and consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2 or its equivalent sequence.
- 10   **9.**   A composition for inhibiting plant growth comprising a growth inhibitor screened by the process set forth in claim 8.
- 15   **10.**   The composition according to claim 9, in which the inhibitor is selected from a group consisting of (1) the anti-sense nucleotide against the polynucleotide of claim 2; (2) the recombinant vector containing the anti-sense nucleotide against the polynucleotide of claim 2; and (3) the transformant of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* transformed with the recombinant vector containing the anti-sense nucleotide against the polynucleotide of claim 2.